

INDIANA

READY TO FIGHT FOR PROGRAM

New State Auditor Seeks to Get Banking and Insurance Under Contract

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16.—Those who are more or less initiated in public affairs are having some glees over the attitude assumed by the democratic legislators in conference in Indianapolis earlier in the week.

In all seriousness, during the all-day meeting, the minority members worked out a legislative program which would be formidable, if not staggering for a majority in the assembly—a majority with a governor in sympathy with the measures proposed.

Such trivial things as tearing up the present tax law and passing another one, abolishing state offices and boards and commissions, placing a limit on the amount of money the state may spend in building or aiding schools are some of the matters the democrats have taken on their shoulders.

While protesting against centralization and advocating home rule and denouncing the game of playing politics the democrats did not overlook the fact that they elected an auditor of state. Therefore, they propose to enlarge the field of his activities and place under his departments of banking, insurance and building and loans. All of these are now separate departments.

It is not clear to many politicians in the capital how the democrats propose to get such a measure passed in a strongly republican senate and approved by a republican governor.

But it is presumed that while some of the sheep among the democratic assemblymen are swallowing all this program in good faith and are going to put up a scrap for the party leaders, are merely putting out the program as a basis for campaigning two years from now.

There is no doubt that their "tear down" program will fall flat. That is exactly what the democratic leaders desire. It would be hurtful to them in the future to have any measure they championed enacted. But when they call for enactment it will be easy to go on the stump in two years and paint pictures of the grand old times "we would now be having if the republicans had not conspired to kill our bills."

There were two hot poker games the democrats left in the fire with the advice that any of the assemblymen who desired to handle them, but the party would not acknowledge their existence. These are the questions of the public service commission and the direct primary law.

As the time for convening the assembly approaches it appears that the hosts who desired to abolish the public service commission have crawled into their wigwags. When called to face with the problem of eliminating a board which is a steady factor in hundreds of millions of dollars in investments in the state the most radical are getting cold feet.

The farmer is becoming a user of public utility service. Electricity on the farm is becoming common. Some are asking the question, who will regulate the town boards and city councils? The giving of electric service is not a simple matter like the country co-operative telephone company. The tendency is for larger and still larger electric companies. Engineers forecast the day when nearly all the juice will be made in the coal fields and sent by high tension wires to remote parts of the state. Obviously this is a field for state regulation.

But while the "abolitionists" are hard to find there are many members who expressed the belief that there should be some changes in the law. This sentiment was found among both republican and democratic legislators while they were in Indianapolis. None of them had specific amendments in mind, but they were convinced "there should be some change."

The number who favor repealing some parts of the direct primary law is larger. There are many members who declare they will vote to nominate gubernatorial nominees in the state conventions. It is possible that the governor, senator and presidential preference features of the direct primary may be repealed in the coming session. But it is not likely that the assembly will vote to repeal those sections called for the primary selection of candidates for congress, the legislature and for local offices.

The number of "green" members of the house is large. The next session will see only twenty-four experienced representatives out of 100 members. Of this number seventeen republicans have seen service in the assembly before and only seven democrats. Forty-one democrats and thirty-five republicans will take their plunge in the duties of law making.

THE LAKE COUNTY TIMES

ASSASSIN KILLS POLISH PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. WARSAW, Dec. 16.—President Gabczinski of the Republic of Poland was assassinated today. He was elected one week ago today, being the first president of the Republic.

President Gabczinski was shot to death at the opening of an art exhibition. Three shots were fired, the first entering the President's body. His death was almost instantaneous.

The assassin was arrested on the scene. He said his name was Niedzwiedzki, and that he was an artist. He said that he had been inspired to kill the President because he "believed it best."

News of the assassination caused a tremendous stir throughout this city, and clashes were threatened between various political factions.

Did You Hear That?

WELL, Captain Pike, the army bigwig was no piker.

JOHN A. SMITH'S hot dog shack on West State does a land office business these grimy days.

MAYOR BROWN and City Attorney McMahon attended the Municipal League meeting at the Severin hotel yesterday.

OVER ninety witnesses have been heard by the federal grand jury which is investigating law violations in Gary.

IN an advertisement yesterday for C. J. Lesser, 145 State street, the price of an attractive bargain alarm clock was printed \$2.50. It should have read \$2.25.

COMES now a denial that Gostlin, Mayor and Hastings had anything to do with the Bunnett-Paxton transfer of the old Bell property as recorded in this column the other day.

MRS. JOSEPH VIVIAN, who runs a baked cake and ash store, is holding a cash check which she says was given her by Mrs. John Lewis. She has referred the matter to the police.

GEORGE ALDEN, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Harry Marrett, of Grand Rapids, of Hammond, are latest recruits to be landed for the army by Serg. R. A. Kelly, of the Hammond station.

WHEN Bob Gehring tried to crank his Buick on leaving the Minnas store the other evening he found it frozen stiff. But Ed. March, who was old driver and a clothesline handy, so Bob got home all right.

"GET these speeding jitneys," the business men of Hammond keep dinning into the ears of the police. But when one of these same businessmen gets yanked in for the same offense, they raise the cops unmercifully.

TEAT isn't a rainbow which is hanging across Michigan avenue. It is the new sign of the McLaughlin Mill Supply Co. at No. 157. The artist used all the colors he had in painting it. Naturally it attracts a lot of attention.

GLEN PETERS, the lawyer, received the first number plate dealt out by the auto license bureau at the Hammond Trust and Savings bank. It is 87,000. Hammond starts at that figure this year instead of 150,000 as was done a year ago.

PHILIP J. KIMMEL, 444 State st., is a hustling salesman for just breaking into the game. He sells a new permanent phonograph needle which requires practically no attention. In the last three weeks he has disposed of 400 of them.

RED CROSS memberships may be renewed at Summers' drug store. John Zitz's real estate office on the north side, Calumet avenue bank, Elks club and Masonic temple up until the middle of next week. The time was extended one week.

YESTERDAY was an unlucky day for Emil Schultz, 349 Towle street. First a burglar broke into the back door of his soft drink parlor and stole \$35. Then when the officers were investigating the theft they discovered Emil had a supply of liquor. He was arrested and will be tried January 2nd.

FUNNY how the Central school property was so "undesirable" for years that nobody would bid on it when it was offered for sale and then all of a sudden it becomes so valuable that one crowd pays \$61,800 more than the school board asks to get it from another crowd. Finance is just as exciting as football or prize fighting.

WHITING, Ind., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Sarah Adley died this morning at 2:30 a. m. at St. Margaret's hospital. Death was caused by pneumonia. She was born April 1st, 1855 in Edinburgh, Scotland and died Dec. 16th at the age of 57. She leaves to mourn her five sons, Joseph, Robert, Thomas, Mathias and Aloisius and three daughters, Sadie, Theresa and Mrs. Pat McShane.

SEEK BAIL FOR U. S. ARMY DOC

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 16.—Charles H. Pike, United States army surgeon, charged with bigamy, was left to mope in the city jailer and newspapermen today. At noon neither of his wives, nor his angry father-in-law, had shown up.

Attorney A. E. Tinkham expected to give bond for Pike this afternoon and release him until arraignment in the criminal court next week. "What if I do?" What do you think I think? Do you suppose I'm here for the trip? Rather testily Mrs. Frances Helle Pike, 24-year-old bride of Captain Charles M. Pike held for bigamy, answered her inquiries who located her in the county building shortly after her arrival in Crown Point yesterday afternoon.

She came to give aid and comfort to her husband of six weeks. Traversing the street and corridors she trod little more than a month ago when she was married here to Pike after a elopement from her Chicago home. Mrs. Frances Helle Pike today recalled the happy horizon she then envisioned now obstructed from view by a mountain of alleged hideous disclosures in the life of her husband. Mystery surrounds the manner in which the wreck occurred. The Navajo and the switch train were moving in opposite directions on the same track. The Navajo was inbound; the switch train was outbound, when the wreck occurred.

Pike was to be arraigned Monday. The hearing may be deferred to tomorrow pending completion of a criminal case now engaging the time of Prosecuting Attorney Thomas.

Mrs. A. Pike, the Chicago bride, refused to answer questions directed to her. She was taken into the jail where she entered the cell where she was permitted a long visit with her husband.

LAKE COUNTY MEN AT LEAGUE MEET

Four From District Take Part in Dry Law Case Discussion.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16.—Members of the Municipal League of Indiana composed of mayors, city judges and city attorneys in the principal cities in the state, at a meeting at the Hotel Severin today, went on record in favor of an amendment to the Indiana prohibition law that will require courts to impose a minimum penalty of a thirty day jail sentence for first offenses against the law.

Members of the league also voted to include a clause in the amendment which would prohibit courts from revoking or suspending the thirty day minimum penalty. J. A. Patterson, city attorney of Gary, was appointed by E. F. Seebert, mayor of South Bend, who is president of the league, to prepare such a bill, to be presented to the legislature.

Action on the matter was taken after a discussion in which a number of the mayors and city judges related the difficulties they have had in bringing about a strict enforcement of the prohibition laws. A majority of them expressed the belief that stiffer penalties would result in fewer violations.

Others who took part in the discussion were J. W. Brisey, city attorney of East Chicago; A. W. Twyman, city judge of East Chicago; T. J. Sullivan, city judge of Whiting; W. W. McMahon, city attorney of Hammond; John Rabb, city judge of Mishawaka; B. J. Horne, mayor of Anderson; John W. McCarty, mayor of Washington; E. McKinley, city attorney of Muncie; Fred W. Jessup, city attorney of Kokomo; and William Elmdorff, mayor of Evansville.

WILL DISCUSS WET-DRY QUESTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The governors who will be President Harding's guest at a White House luncheon on Monday have been called to Washington to discuss the enforcement of the prohibition laws. It was stated officially today.

The president had previously planned to hold this conference in January, but changed his plans because he thought it would be comparatively easy for the governors to come here at this time, following their meeting in West Virginia.

DEATH OF MUNSTER PIONEER

Mrs. Edith Golsma, wife of Harry Golsma, one of the pioneer settlers of Munster, died Thursday night after a long illness. She was 35 years old and had spent the greater part of her life in Munster. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock from the home at 2 o'clock from the Munster Hollandian church.

SANTA FE CRACK TRAIN WRECKED

Seven Injured When Navajo Limited Hits Engine Head-on.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Seven persons were injured, two severely, and several persons were shaken and alarmed today when the Navajo Limited, crack pacific coast train on the Santa Fe railroad, crashed head-on into a switch engine in the yards here.

The locomotives were derailed and partly wrecked. The chair car of the passenger train burst into flames and was practically destroyed before firemen arrived. Ambulances and patrol wagons were rushed from three stations of the railroad yards and a number of nearby physicians were summoned to administer first aid treatment.

The injured: Archie Carothers, Fort Madison, Iowa, employed by the Santa Fe; hip injured, shoulders cut and bruised.

H. E. Brown, 40, fireman of the Navajo; head, face and arms cut.

G. L. Pettibone, Kansas City, Mo., passenger; cut by flying glass.

William D. Hickey, Chicago, passenger; face cut.

Mrs. Charles Henderson, 30, widow, Ashton, Ill.; face bruised and lacerated.

Two unidentified men, members of a switch crew: Both severely injured and taken to a hospital.

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A. & P. MEN ARE SUED

Julius Friedman, administrator of the estate of George M. Rastowski, of Indiana Harbor, today filed suit for \$10,000 damages against Fred B. Heibing, Fred A. Wolf and the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

The plaintiff's complaint was filed on June 21, the plaintiff's complaint was filed with Fred Heibing along 137th street, in Indiana Harbor. At the Grapevine boulevard crossing Heibing did not stop as required by city ordinance. Before his car reached the other side of the boulevard he was hit by an A. & P. automobile, driven by Wolf. Rastowski was injured so that he died within a few hours. Attorney A. P. Twyman is representing the plaintiff.

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TOWN BARS VISITORS IN NIGHT SHIRTS

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RULING AGAINST MAINTENANCE MEN

Railway Labor Board Will Not Change Overtime Pay For Them.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Overtime pay for maintenance of way men on railroads will not be changed, as a result of the decision of the United States Railroad Labor Board in upholding its former stand against time and one-half for such work.

A. O. Wharton dissented from the opinion, claiming that during the entire existence of the board only one decision has been made that would better the conditions of rail employees.

HOBBART TRIES OUT NEW CITY WELL

HOBBART, Ind., Dec. 16.—Fifty quarts of nitro glycerine were exploded in the new well which has been drilled to a depth of 375 feet. Pieces of rock and water were thrown several blocks when the explosion took place. It is estimated that the flow of water will now be about 200 gallons per minute. Mayor Henderson is planning to drill another well and hope to secure plenty of water to supply the city.

HAMMOND BLOCK SELLS FOR \$307,500

It became known this afternoon that the successful bidder for the school property, Mr. Rand, represented the First National Bank and the First Trust & Savings Bank, while Mr. Pierce represented a syndicate formed by the Hammond Trust & Savings bank and the Citizens National bank.

The property was purchased by the First National and First Trust as a site for a beautiful bank building for the two institutions which are to be combined under one roof. The building will be no less than five stories.

This settles the question of where the money interests of the city are to be located and enhances the value of property on Hohman street.

The bidding today was really a battle between two banking interests each with a "dark horse."

The F. W. Woolworth Co. today bought the Central school property in Hammond for \$307,500, establishing a record price for business property in the city.

The property has a frontage on Hohman street of 225 feet and on Fayette street, 192 feet.

The school board agreed to remove the school building as soon as possible so that the Woolworth people can begin construction of a building.

W. J. Rand, district manager of the Woolworth Co., and Hugh Fehrmann, manager of the Hohman street store of the company, did not reveal the company's plans.

The opinion of the leading bankers and business men of the city who attended the auction sale in the Central school building this morning at which the property was disposed, was that the Woolworth Co. would build a store and office building on the property. It was said on excellent authority that the building would be five stories.

The Woolworth people gave the school board certified checks covering one-third of the purchase price and agreed to pay the balance at the end of a thirty day period, during which time their attorneys would examine the title to the property.

The school board appraised the value of the property was \$247,500 and the bidding started at that figure.

George Geyer, president of the school board, was the auctioneer.

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After checking over the receipts and expenditures today it was announced that the play had netted approximately \$250.

SALE OF SEALS IN WAR OF THE WHITE PLAGUE

Hammond women who are devoting their time this week to the sale of the Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas Seals found the public anxious to help along the war on the white plague by buying the little stamps.

Mrs. Kingwell and Mrs. Warner visited the industries and Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Eggers, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Hammill and Mrs. Vivian had the business district. Mrs. J. M. Turner had charge of the sale of the seals at the postoffice. Mrs. Charles Wilson at the E. C. Ninas store and Mrs. Ben Wolf at the Lion Store.

YOUTH'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH RENDEZVOUS PUZZLES AUTHORITIES OF LOS ANGELES



Nadine Lingenfelter and Vaden E. Boge, who kept the "rendezvous with death."

Vaden E. Boge, victim of suicide or murder? Police don't know. But they do know that Boge apparently kept a "rendezvous with death" in the fashionable Alexandria hotel in Los Angeles. His body was found in his room beside a luncheon set for two. But his companion—if there was one—disappeared without leaving a trace. Miss Nadine Lingenfelter, an acquaintance, denied that she was engaged to Boge.

FIND RENOWN'S CARETAKER IN EAST CHICAGO DITCH

The body of Charles Stout, 53 years old, caretaker of the Renown, one of the Standard Oil company's feet of boats, was discovered by the brother of the dead man late this morning in a ditch on the east side of the canal and near the Sinclair Oil company's plant.

The corpse, which was frozen stiff, was lying at the foot of a small embankment with the hands folded across the chest and stretched out as if prepared for interment. With the exception of a few scratches about the face there were no

marks of violence about the body. It is the theory of the police that the man, who has been missing since the morning of Dec. 14, while under the influence of liquor, fell from the top of the embankment into the ditch below, breaking his neck. As yet this theory had been substantiated by the coroner who at this writing had not examined the body.

The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of Eids on Chicago avenue. It was turned over to John in the absence of Deputy Coroner Townsley.

EXTRA!

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to assassinate M. Daskaloff, Bulgarian minister of interior, with a bomb. Macedonian insurgents are suspected.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. BRUSSELS, Dec. 16.—A political truce today saved the life of the United States cabinet just as his resignation seemed inevitable, socialist forces agreed to bury the hatchet and it is believed that the cabinet will not face another attack until after the allied premiers' conference in Paris.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. LONDON, Dec. 16.—A decree was issued today suspending the sessions of the Spanish parliament.

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MUNICH ANSWERS GROMAN COMPLAINT

Gus Muenich in answering the accusations in the complaint filed yesterday in the matter of the Mee Hotel by Dr. Herman C. Groman, denied the charges in toto. Muenich says he will show in court that everything he did in the conduct of the business was done with the knowledge and consent of Dr. Groman and that with the exception of \$5,000 the entire investment is his.

NEW BROTHERHOOD BANK OPENS UP

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 16.—The Transportation Brotherhood's National Bank, the sixth of its kind in America, opened for business here yesterday with initial deposits of more than \$40,000 during the first hour of business.

The bank is capitalized at \$200,000 and will be operated on a plan similar to the Engineer's Co-operative Bank of Cleveland.

The stock is held by members of the Transportation Brotherhoods of the Northwest. Officers include: Warren S. Stone, Cleveland, grand chief of Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers, president; W. P. Kennedy, J. E. Barton, F. E. Andrews and F. J. Klip, vice presidents; and Robert G. Harding, cashier.

Special Program for Masonic Service

WHITING, Ind., Dec. 16.—A program of great interest to music lovers will be rendered tomorrow evening at the Congregational church in Whiting in connection with the Masonic service. The principals will be Miss Mary Arbuckle, violin soloist and George Celan, organist. Both of these talented young people are students of the American Conservatory of Music.

German Papers Talk of Impending American Participation

(BULLETIN) BY DAVID M. CHURCH. LONDON, Dec. 16.—German newspapers today are talking of American participation in the reparations negotiations.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Stanley Baldwin, who will head the British debt funding mission to America late this month will be empowered to discuss indemnity along with debt funding, if President Harding desires it.

(BULLETIN) BY GEORGE H. HOLMES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the face of widespread indications, both here and abroad, that the American government is taking a renewed interest in smoothing out the European situation, specific and emphatic denial was made today. The administration has arrived at any "program" or is considering any definite "plan" for the adjustment of complicated international problems.

(BULLETIN) BERLIN, Dec. 16.—It is now certain that a united Anglo-Saxon front exists which will persistently oppose military occupation of the Ruhr," said the Berliner Am Mittag Zeitung in commenting today upon the latest international developments involving the possibility of American participation in European affairs. The newspaper added:

"The United States since the opening of the near east conference at Lausanne has been openly seconding Lord Curzon's policy. The power of British and American banking interests now shows itself."

Most of the prominent Berlin newspapers take a similar view. They expressed belief that "impending American participation in reparations negotiations will give a strong impetus to British policy which is opposed to French imperialistic plans."

Chancellor Wilhelm Cuno and his cabinet are conferring almost daily upon the reparations situation.

BY DAVID M. CHURCH. LONDON, Dec. 16.—Opinion was expressed in governmental and banking circles today that if the United States intervenes in European affairs as indicated by the Washington visit of Ambassador George Harvey, American will have to discuss both war debts and reparations.

Hitherto America has held there was nothing to discuss about war debts. As all the European allies are now agreed that reparations and debts are two problems, it would be necessary for America to take up both or none.

Official circles are withholding comment pending definite action by the American state department and President Harding. There is ample evidence that Great Britain would welcome America in the reparations Brussels. Any American plan would receive fullest consideration, it was said.

British officials declared that even "superfluous intervention by America in European affairs would have a salutary effect when the premiers meet early in January. They said that Great Britain has already given her solemn pledge to pay her debt of \$1,377,000,000 to the United States and that no attempt would be made to use American intervention as a vehicle to have the debt cancelled.

British bankers are skeptical of the Washington report that J. P. Morgan has discussed with Secretary of State Hughes the possibility of a \$1,800,000,000 loan by a group of American bankers to Germany, if safeguards are established with allies through the American government.

The Daily Mail believes that Ambassador Harvey's visit is more closely connected with the British debt funding operations than with American intervention in Europe.

KLAN NOT GUILTY OF M'GRAY THREAT

Klan Official Points Out That Document Contains No Seal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., December 16.—Joe M. Huffington, an organizer for the Ku Klux Klan here announced that he had sent the following message to Governor McCray:

"Referring to this morning's press report, permit me to assure you that the letter received by you, purporting to have come from a secretary of the Ku Klux Klan is nothing more than an effort to make part of some of the un-American population of Gary to discredit this noble organization. As you are well aware, Gary is a center of foreign influence in this state. All communications of this organization are on official stationery and bear its official seal. All others are counterfeit."

NOTICE

Hammond Commandry No. 41 K. T. will hold a special convocation Monday, December 18, evening at 7:00 p. m. Work with Red Cross degree. Members are urged to be present. W.